

**LIST OF THE DIPTERA OF JAMAICA WITH DESCRIPTIONS
OF NEW SPECIES.**

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This list is based on a collection made by Mr. Wm. J. Fox and myself, during April and the early part of May, 1891. In addition to those collected and identified, I have added all the species previously recorded from the Island. The latter are designated by an asterisk (*). To Mr. D. W. Coquillett, Mr. C. H. Tyler Townsend, and Mr. Samuel Henshaw I wish to express my sincere thanks for kind assistance.

CECIDOMYIDÆ.

One specimen resembling the genus *Cutocha*. Port Antonio.

BIBIONIDÆ.

**Plecia rufithorax* Walker, List, etc., I, 116.

CULICIDÆ.

Culex fasciatus Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 36, 13.

Culex mosquito R. Desv., Culicides, etc., 390.

Troublesome in the woods near Hope Bay.

Culex sp.

Port Antonio.

TIPULIDÆ.

**Geranomyia intermedia* Walker.

Limnobia intermedia Walker, List, etc., I, 47.

Four imperfect specimens of a species belonging to this family were collected at Kingston.

STRATIOMYIDÆ.

Hermetia illucens Linné. For synonymy, see Osten-Sacken, Catl. 46.

Four specimens, Port Antonio.

**Oxycera Liburna* Walker, List, etc., III, 528.

Macrosargus alchidas Walker.

Sargus alchidas Walker, List, etc., III, 517.

Five ♂ and four ♀. Port Antonio. The male agrees with

Walker's description. As both sexes were taken the same day and at the same spot, along a path in the hills back of the town, I have no doubt but that they are the same species, though the female differs considerably from the male. The following is a description of the female, which has not been described:—

Length 8 mm. Face and front yellowish; vertex green; oral margins brownish; antennae reddish; aristæ black. Thorax and scutellum green; a slender line of yellow extends from the humeri to the base of the wings (also present in the male). Abdomen much wider than in the male, bluish-green, second segment concave at the sides, with a central yellow spot at the base; pubescence on the posterior borders of the segments more prominent than in the male. Venter bluish, the second segment, and the posterior margin of the third and fourth narrowly margined with yellow. Front and middle legs yellow; posterior femora with outer half of the tibiae and tarsi brownish-black, base of the femora and basal half of the tibiae and tarsi yellow. In the color of the posterior legs occurs the greatest difference, though the outer portions of the femora, tibiae, and tarsi of the male are noticeably darker.

**Sargus Bagosa* Walker, List, etc., III, 518.

**Clitellaria anchialus* Walker, List, etc., III, 522.

Var.? *Clitellaria chalybea* Wied., according to Walker, List, etc., IV, 1157.

Nemotelus flavicornis n. sp.

Length (♂) 2½ mm. Face and vertical triangle black, shining. Facial protuberance prominent, conical; antennæ yellow. Facets of the upper half of the eye double the size of those of the lower. Thorax and scutellum greenish-black, shining; humeri, and a narrow line from there to the base of the wings, yellow. Abdomen yellow, with a small black subtriangular spot in the center of the fourth and fifth segments; venter yellow. Legs yellow, posterior femora and tibiae with a wide medial band of dark brown. Wings hyaline, whitish, discal cell emits four veins.

One specimen, Kingston.

TABANIDÆ.

Chrysops costatus Fabricius.

Tabanus costatus Fabr., Ent. Syst., IV, 373, 45.

Tabanus variegatus DeGeer, VI, Tab. XXX, f. 7. "Synon. very probable" (Osten-Sacken).

Two specimens, Port Antonio.

**Tabanus lucidulus* Walker, List, etc., I, 188.

**Tabanus rufiventris* Macquart, Dipt. Exot., I, 1, 141, 39. Walker, List, etc., I, 180.

LEPTIDÆ.

**Pheneus tibialis* Walker, Dipt. Saund., 156, Tab. IV, f. 3.

"Mr. Walker refers this genus to the Asilidae; I place it here on the authority of Mr. Loew (*in litt.*)"—Osten-Sacken.

Chrysopila jamaicensis n. sp.

Length, ♂ ♀, 4 mm. Face and front brownish-black. Antennæ, and proboscis reddish; terminal style nearly three times the length of the antennæ. Thorax dull black; male with golden pubescence; humeri and scutellum brownish, pleuræ grayish, abdomen blackish; male with golden pubescence; a denuded specimen shows the basal half of the second segment to be yellow; female with a yellowish lateral line, slightly interrupted at the base of the segments; ovipositor yellow, tip brown. Legs yellow, with minute blackish hairs on the tibiæ and tarsi, yellowish on the femora; a preapical spot on the posterior femora and terminal joints of the tarsi blackish. Wings hyaline, veins and stigma brown.

Seven specimens, Port Antonio.

ASILIDÆ.

Leptogaster longipes n. sp.

Length, ♀, 9 mm. Face and front grayish; a few long yellow hairs above the oval margin; ocelli and proboscis black; antennæ dark brown. Dorsum of the thorax brownish, with three longitudinal black lines; the dorsal one gradually tapering towards the posterior; lateral lines irregular, widest on the anterior side of the suture. Pleuræ and scutellum grayish. Abdomen black, with thin, short, yellowish pubescence, longest on the sides of the last segments; anterior and posterior margins of the segments grayish, thus forming somewhat obscure bands. Legs brownish, coxae yellowish, basal joint of the front and middle tarsi (except the tip) light yellow; posterior legs double the length of the middle ones, the outer third of the femora greatly enlarged, and the enlarged portion encircled by two yellow bands; tip of the tibiæ, and of all the tarsal joints blackish. Wings hyaline, veins blackish.

One specimen, Port Antonio.

Plesiomma indecora Loew, Centur., VII, 13.

Two specimens, Kingston, April; Morant Bay, May 7.

Cerotainia macrocera Say.

Laphria macrocera Say, Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phila., III, 73.

Eight specimens, Port Antonio. The specimens collected differ from those found in the vicinity of Philadelphia, in being of a more bluish-black color, and on an average somewhat smaller.

Eanax Halesus Walker.

Asilus Halesus Walker, List, etc., III, 405.

One specimen, Bath (Mrs. Swainson).

***Eanax invariatus** Walker, Dipt. Saund., 131.

Ommatius saccas Walker, List, etc., II, 474.

Eight specimens, Port Antonio.

BOMBYLIDÆ.

Hyperalonia proserpina Wiedemann.

Anthrax proserpina Wied., Auss. Zw. Ins., I, 257.

Exoprosopa proserpina Schiner, Reise d. Novara Zool., III, Abth. I, 117.

Anthrax Klugii Wied., Auss. Zw. Ins., II, 632.

Anthrax rufescens Walker, List, etc., III, 238.

Two specimens, Kingston; Bath.

Hyperalonia cerberus Fabricius.

Anthrax cerberus Fabr., Ent. System, IV, 256.

Velocia cerberus Coquillett, Cau. Entom., XVIII, 157; ibid., XIX, 12.

One specimen, Morant Bay.

Exoprosopa parva Loew, Centur., VIII, 26.

One specimen, Kingston.

***Exoprosopa ignifer** (Walker) Osten-Sacken, Catl., 86.

Anthrax ignifer Walker, List, etc., II, 243.

"Walker contradicts himself about this species; in the Dipt. Saund., page 166, he places it among the species with two submarginal cells: later, he puts it in Wiedemann's Division I, the species of which have three such cells."—Osten-Sacken. As this remark also applied to *Anthrax trimacula*, this species may also be a true *Anthrax*.

***Exoprosopa subfascia** Walker.

Anthrax subfascia Walker, List, etc., II, 249.

Argyramœba Oedipus Fabricius.

Anthrax Oedipus Fabr., System. Antl., 123, 22.

Anthrax irrorata Say, Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., III, 46.

Anthrax irrorata Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 1, 60, Tab. XX, f. 6.

Two specimens, Kingston.

***Argyramœba** Gideon Fabricius Walker; List, etc., II, 257. ("Var. ? abdomen all black.")

Anthrax lateralis Say.

Anthrax Bastardi Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 1, 60, 13.

Anthrax alternata Say, var. *lateralis* Say, Coquillett, Trans. Am. Ent. Soc., XIV, 166.

Four specimens, Kingston.

Anthrax lucifer Fabricius.

Anthrax flumiflamma Walker, Dipt. Saund., 184.

Common at Rock Fort, near Kingston.

Anthrax trimacula Walker, List, etc., II, 250.

Exoprosopa trimacula (Walker), Osten-Sacken, Catl. 87.

Thirteen specimens, Kingston, Port Antonio, and Annotto Bay.

Anthrax bigradata Loew, Centur., VIII, 37.

?*Anthrax albovittata* Macq., Dipt. Exot., 4, Suppl., 113, 90.

One specimen, Kingston.

***Anthrax delicatula** Walker, List, etc., II, 266.

***Bombylius plumipes** Drury, Illustr., etc., II, Tab. xxxix, fig. 3; Wiedemann, Auss. Z. I, 351, 50.

Geron senilis Fabricius.

Bombylius senilis Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 411, 17; System. Antl., 135, 31.

Geron albidiennis, Loew, Centur., IX, 78 [Coquillett].

Geron vitripennis Loew, Centur., IX, 77 [Coquillett].

Two specimens, Kingston.

THEREVIDÆ.

Psilocephala obscura Coquillett, Can. Entom., XXV, 229.

One specimen, Kingston ; April.

EMPIDÆ.

***Tachydromi Bacis** Walker.

Platypalpus Bacis Walker, List, etc., III, 510.

DOLICHOPODIDÆ.

Psilopus chrysoprasius Loew, Neue Beitr., VIII, 87; Monogr. II, 258.

Psilopus chrysoprasia Walker, List, etc., III, 646 [Loew].

Three specimens, Kingston ; common, Port Antonio.

Psilopus jucundus Loew, Neue Beitr., VIII, 87; Monogr. II, 258.

Psilopus stpho Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 2, 119, Tab. 21, f. 1 [Loew].

Four specimens, Kingston ; Port Antonio.

***Psilopus suavium** Walker, List, etc., III, 648.

SYRPHIDÆ.

Chrysotoxum nigrita Fabricius.

Syrphus nigritus Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 292, 49.

Mallo nigrita Fabr., System. Antl., 183; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw., II, 88.

Syrphus antipathes Walker, List, etc., III, 589.

Mesograpta arcifera Loew.

Mesogramma arcifera Loew, Centur., VI, 52.

Common, Kingston ; Port Antonio.

Mesograpta subannulata Loew.

Mesogramma arcifera Loew, Centur., VI, ts.

Eleven specimens, Kingston ; Port Antonio.

Mesograpta pœcilogaster Loew.

Mesogramma pœcilogaster Loew, Centur., VI, 51.

Four specimens, Port Antonio.

Mesograpta laciniosa Loew?

Mesogramma laciniosa Loew, Centur., VI, 50.

One specimen, Port Antonio.

Baccha clavata Fabricius.

Syrphus clavata Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 289.

Baccha Babista Walker, List, etc., III, 549.

Baccha fascialis Thomson, Engen. Resa, Ins., 504.

Spazigaster bacchoides Bigot, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1883, 326.

Six specimens, Rock Fort, near Kingston.

Baccha latiuscula Loew.

Ocyptamus latiuscula Loew, Centur., VII, 68.

One specimen, Kingston.

Volucella pallens Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., II, 294.

Volucella sexpunctata Loew, Wien. Ent. Monatschr., V, 39.

One specimen, Port Antonio.

Volucella obesa Fabricius.

Syrphus obesus Fabr., Syst. Ent., 763, 5.

Ornithia obesa St. Fargeau and Serville, Encycl. Meth., X, 786.

Volucella azurea Phillipi, Verh. zool.-bot. Gesell., 1865, 734, pl. xxvi, f. 35.

Common, Port Antonio.

Volucella (Temnocera) purpurascens Loew.

Temnocera purpurascens Loew, Centur., VIII, 52.

Two specimens, Kingston.

Eristalis vinetorum Fabricius.

Syrphus vinetorum Fabr., Ent. Syst., Suppl., 562.

Eristalis trifasciatus Say, Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phila., VI, 165.

Eristalis uvarum Walker, List, etc., III, 623.

Common, Port Antonio.

Eristalis albifrons Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., II, 189.

Eristalis albiceps Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 56.

Eristalis seniculus Loew, Centur., VI, 63.

Common, Port Antonio.

Eristalis atrimanus Loew, Centur., VI, 62.

Two specimens, Port Antonio.

***Eristalis lateralis** Walker, Linn. Trans., XVII, 347, 42. Walker, List, etc., III, 622.

Pteroptyla cincta Drury.

Musca cincta Drury, Ins., I, 109, Tab. XLV, f. 6.

Syrphus pinguis Fabricius, Syst. Ent., 763, 6; Ent. Syst., IV, 282, 16.

Eristalis pinguis Fabricius, Syst. Antl., 233, 6; Wiedemann, Auss. Zw. Ins., II, 193, 61.

Milesia ania Walker, List, etc., III, 564.

Common, Port Antonio.

Ceria Daphnaeus Walker, List, etc., III, 537.

Three specimens, Kingston; Port Antonio.

ŒSTRIDÆ.

***Gastrophilus pecorum** Fabricius.

"Europe, and according to Walker, Jamaica" (Osten-Sacken).

PHASIIDÆ.

***Trichopoda pennipes** Fabricius. Townsend, Entom. News, IV, 70.

Musca pennipes Fabr., Ent. Syst., IV, 348, 149.

Dictya pennipes Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 274, 9.

OCYPTERIDÆ.

Ocyptera Dotadas Walker, List, etc., IV, 694.

Two specimens, Port Antonio.

TACHINIDÆ.

Pseudohystricia exilis Townsend, Entom. News, III, 146.

Cinchona (Cockerell), Bath (Mrs. Swainson).

Jurinia amethystina Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 42, 9; Tab. III, f. 7.

Common, Port Antonio.

***Jurinia basilis** Walker, List, etc., IV, 713.

***Jurinia epileuca** Walker, List, etc., IV, 716.

Blepharipeza nigrisquamis Townsend, Entom. News, III, 80.

Three specimens, Port Antonio (Portland). Bath. (Mrs. Swainson.)

***Blepharipeza breviventris** Wiedemann.

Tachina breviventris Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 297; Walker, List, etc., IV, 712.

Blepharipeza sp.** Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 314.Belvoscia bicincta** Rob. Desv., Myod., 103.

Senometopia bicincta Macquart, Hist. Nat. Dipt., II, 112.

Belvoscia bifasciata Fabr., Osteo-Saeken, Catl., 153.

Willistonia bicincta Brauer and Bergenstamni, Muse. Schiz., II, 99.

Kingston (T. D. A. Cockerell).

***Echinomyia basifulva** Walker, List, etc., IV, 725.**Elachipalpus macrocera** Wiedemann.

Tachina macrocera Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 290.

Cuphocera macrocera Schiner, Novara, 330.

Port Antonio (Portland).

Gonia pallens Wiedemann, Auss. Zw., II, 346.

Gonia angusta Macq., Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 56, pl. 5, f. 5.

Gonia lineata Macq., Dipt. Exot., Suppl., IV, 178.

Gonia chilensis Macq., (variety), Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 50, pl. 5, f. 4.

Common, Port Antonio.

***Tachina hirta** Drury.

Musca hirta Drury, Ins., 109, Tab. XLV, f. 4.

***Exorista lagoæ** Townsend, Ent. News, II, 159; Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 314.

“Mandeville. Bred from a red *Halesidota*” (E. S. Panton).

Exorista (Masicera?) sp.?** Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 315.Nutopia Xyechus** Walker.

Ophilia Xyechus Walker, List, etc., IV, 770.

Anisia Vanderwulpi Townsend, Entom. News, III, 81.

One specimen, Port Antonio (Portland), April.

***Masicera protoparecis** Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 70.

Bred from larva of *Protoparce januicensis*. Kingston (Cockerell).

***Masicera sp.?** Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 315.

Kingston, July 19.

DEXIDÆ.***Dexia Thomæ** Wiedemann, Auss. Zw., II, 379; Jamaica (Walker, List, IV, 840).***Sarcodexia sternodontis** Townsend.

Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 105. Bred from a longicorn beetle.

Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 221. Bred from a scorpion (Cockerell).

SARCOPHAGIDÆ.**Sarcophaga incerta** Walker, Dipt. Saund., 324.

Common, Port Antonio.

Sarcophaga plinthopyga Wiedemann, Auss. Zw., II, 366.

Common, Port Antonio.

Sarcophaga sp., Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 315.
Kingston.

Sarcophagula sp., Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 316.
Kingston, July 10.

Sarcophilodes sp., Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 316; Moneague.

Phrisopoda sp., Townsend, Journ. Inst. Jamaica, I, 315; Bath.
Bath ; bred from a snail.

MUSCIDÆ.

Musca basilaris Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 153, 8 ; Walker, List, etc., IV, 901.
Common, Kingston.

Lucilia sp.
Common, Port Antonio.

Compsomyia macellaria Fabricius.

Musca macellaria Fabr., Syst. Ent., 776; Ent. Syst., IV, 319.
Lucilia macellaria Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 147, pl. 17, f. 9.
Lucilia hominivora Coquerel, Ann. Soc. Ent., 1858, 173, Tab. IV, f. 2.
For synonymy see Williston, Albatross Explor., Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XII, 203.

Common, Kingston. According to Lynch-Arribalzaga and Dr. Williston, twenty-seven specific names have been applied to this species.

***Ormia punctata** R. Desv., Myod., 428.
Ochromyia punctata Macq., Hist. Nat. Dipt., II, 250, 3.

SCIOMYZIDÆ.

Tetanocera spinicornis Loew, Centur., VI, 86.
Three specimens, Port Antonio.

***Sepedon macropus** Walker, List, etc., IV, 1078; Lw. Monogr. I, 125.

MICROPEZIDÆ.

Calobata lasciva Fabricius.

Musca lasciva Fabr., Ent. Syst., Suppl., 574, 111.
Calobata albimana Macquart, Dipt. Exot., II, 3, 245; Fab., 33, f. 3.
Calobata valida Walker, Dipt. Saund., 399.
Calobata ruficeps Guérin, Iconogr., etc., III, 553, Tab. 103, fig. 7.
Tænioptera trivittata Macq., Hist. Nat. Dipt., II, 491, Tab. XX, f. 9.
? *Calobata aloa* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1053.

Six specimens, Port Antonio.

Calobata fasciata Fabricius.

Musca fasciata Fabr., System. Ent., 781, 43.
Three specimens, Port Antonio; Kingston.

Calobata pleuritica n. sp.

Length, 7 mm., ♂ ♀. Face, front, vertex, and occiput red;

about seven prominent setæ along the vertical angle; antennæ yellow, aristæ black; ocelli and tip of the proboscis black. Thorax and scutellum shining blue-black; pleuræ and a dorsal line, or spot on the front of the thorax, red; scutellum bearing two prominent setæ. Abdomen black; terminal segment and ovipositor shining blue-black. Venter yellow. Legs yellow, with minute black hairs; outer third of the femora, and the entire tibiæ of the front legs, black; front tarsi white, terminal joints brown. Wings with a uniform brownish tinge.

Upwards of thirty specimens, Port Antonio, April. Many of the specimens collected are immature.

Micropoëza producta Walker? List, etc., IV, 1056.

One specimen, Port Antonio. Agrees fairly well with Walker's description, but the specimen is immature.

ORTALIDÆ.

Euxesta annonæ Fabricius.

Musca annoneæ Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 358, 189.

Tephritis annoneæ Fabr., System. Antl., 320, 19.

Ortalis annoneæ Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 463.

Amethysta annoneæ Schiner, Novara, 283.

Urophora quadrivittata Macq., Hist. Nat. Dipt., II, 456 [Lw.].

Common, Port Antonio. This and the two following species were usually found in the crooked corolla of a large *Aristolochia* (?).

Euxesta costalis Fabricius.

Musca costalis Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 360, 196.

Dacus costalis Fabr., Syst. Antl., 278.

Ortalis costalis Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 464.

Dacus aculeatus Fabr., Syst. Antl., 275 [Loew].

One specimen, Port Antonio.

Euxesta sp.

Port Antonio.

TRYPETIDÆ.

Trypeta (Aciura) insecta Loew, Monogr., I, 72, Tab. ii, f. 8.

Common, Port Antonio.

Trypeta (Eusina) humilis Loew, Monogr., I, 81, Tab. ii, f. 17.

Acinia picciola Bigot, R. de la Sagr., etc., 824, Tab. xx, f. 10 [Loew].

Common, Port Antonio.

Trypeta (Tephritis) fucata Fabricius.

Musca fucata Fabr., Ent. System., IV, 359, 194.

Tephritis fucata Wied., Auss. Zw., II, 505.

Common, Kingston.

**Trypeta (Urophora) avala* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1020.

[Doubtful whether it belongs to Trypetidae or Ortalidae, Loew.]
"It is a small Ortalid."—Osten-Sacken.

**Trypeta Dinia* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1040.

[Perhaps allied to *Trypeta (Hexacheta) eximia* Wied., or, perhaps, a bad description of a variety of this species, Loew].

**Trypeta Ocrezia* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1016.

[*Acrotoxa* — Loew].—Osten-Sacken.

SAPROMYZIDÆ.

Lauxania albovittata Loew, Centur., II, 79.

Three specimens, Port Antonio.

Physegenua variegata Loew.

Lauvania variegata Loew, Centur., I, 83.

Common, Port Antonio.

EPHYDRIDÆ.

Ochthera exculta Loew, Monogr., I, 160.

Four specimens, Kingston; Port Antonio.

HIPPOBOSCIDÆ.

**Olfersia propinqua* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1141.

**Ornithomyia erythrocephala* Leach, Eprob. Ins., 13, 3, Tab. xxvii, f. 4-6.
Walker, List, etc., IV, 1143.

**Ornithomyia fulvifrons* Walker, List, etc., IV, 1145.

**Ornithomyia unicolor* Walker, l. c., 1144.

**Ornithomyia vicina* Walker, l. c., 1144.

NYCTERIBIDÆ.

**Strebla vespertilionis* Fabricius. Walker, List, IV, 1146.

Hippobosca vespertilionis Fabr., Syst. Antl., 339, 6.

Strebla avium Macq., Dipt. Exot., 5e Suppl., 127, 2 (on pigeons and parrots).

Strebla Wiedemanni Kolenati, Horae Soc. Ent. Ross., II, 96, Tab. xv, f. 36.